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- 11. (U) MESIC RECEIVES CREDENTIALS FROM FIRST KOSOVAR AMBASSADOR TO CROATIA: On December 30, Kosovo's first ambassador to Croatia, Valdet Sadiku, received his credentials from President Mesic. Mesic said that Croatia's recognition of Kosovo's independence was not aimed against anyone, but was a policy that acknowledged reality. Mesic added that he plans to pay an official visit to Kosovo prior to the end of this term on February 17.
- 12. (U) CROATIAN UNSC TERM ENDS: Croatia departs the UNSC this week, at the end of its two-year term. To mark the occasion, the Croatian Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying that the UNSC term had reaffirmed "Croatia's position as a responsible and respected member of the international community and crowned its nearly 18-year-long membership in the UN." Bosnia-Hercegovnia will assume the non-permanent seat for Eastern Europe for the 2010-2011 mandate.

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